

PEACE AND CONFLICT STUDIES, M.A.

The MA in Peace and Conflict Studies is dedicated to providing high quality, professional training in multiple conflict intervention and prevention skills such as mediation, negotiation, facilitation, restorative practices, violence prevention, and collaborative problem solving. Students engage in community-based learning through a variety of courses to build practice, intervention, and research skills. The program focuses on pragmatic approaches to solving personal and social problems in a variety of social settings. Students are exposed to an array of techniques and strategies to achieve nonviolent solutions to conflict that arises in diverse family, organizational and community environments.

The program promotes a systemic and critical perspective to the challenges facing individuals, families, organizations and communities in both a global and local analytical and practical perspective. With an interdisciplinary commitment to social justice and human rights, we train professionals to seek collaborative, constructive and conciliatory methods for resolving human conflict. Our goal is to mold reflective conflict professionals—practitioners with a critical understanding of theory, research and a range of methods, local and global perspectives, and an appreciation of diversity, peace development and social justice.

The MA in Peace and Conflict Studies requires completion of 33 credit hours and is built on a comprehensive core curriculum of eight academic courses and seminars. Flexible course schedules in the evenings and summer allow students of all ages, challenges, job requirements, technology, and delivery needs to participate in the learning process.

Concentrations

The program offers three concentrations which students may choose to focus their research, theory and practice areas. The areas are Conflict Management, International Peace Development, and Joint Civil-Military Interaction (JCM). Students must choose three courses from the corresponding concentration list to complete the nine semester hours.

Online Master's Degree

The master's program is available completely online and is identical in content and focus with the residential program; courses are usually offered simultaneously in residential and online formats. For more information, visit <http://pacs.uncg.edu> or email for information at conflictstudies@uncg.edu.

For information regarding deadlines and requirements for admission, please see the Guide to Graduate Admissions.

In addition to the application material required by The Graduate School, applicants must submit a personal essay on their interest and expectations of the MA in Peace and Conflict Studies and may be asked to complete an interview with members of the admissions committee.

Degree Program Requirements

Required: 33 credit hours

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Required Courses		21
PCS 600	Principles and Practice of Conflict Management and Resolution	
PCS 601	Indigenous Peace Practices	
PCS 605	Skills and Techniques of Conflict Management	
PCS 606	Organizational Conflict: Diagnostic and Intervention Tools	
PCS 607	Conflict Analysis: Theories of Change	
PCS 608	Topics in Peace and Conflict Studies	
PCS 610	Transitional Justice	
Integrative Colloquium (Capstone Experience)		3
PCS 690	Integrated Colloquium: Professional Development Project *	
Concentration		9
Select 9 credits from one of the concentrations		

* *The capstone course is designed to complete the integration of theory, global and cultural awareness, intervention skills, project management and public policy issues. Through individually designed capstone projects or research papers, students will analyze and synthesize what they have learned throughout the curriculum, exploring issues individually and within learning communities, to deepen their experience in the evaluation of practice and the process of ongoing knowledge building.*

Concentration Requirements (9 credits)

Concentration requirements are selected with the approval of the faculty advisor to encompass a student's selected concentration or individual pathway through the program.

Conflict Management Concentration

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Select three courses from the following:		9
PCS/SWK 533	Restorative Justice: Theory and Models	
PCS 631	Crisis Management: Response and Resolution	
PCS 647	Facilitation, Mediation, and Negotiation	
PCS 676	Peace Development and Community Building	

International Peace Development Concentration

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Select three courses from the following:		9
PCS 517	Peacebuilding Challenges in a Complex World	
PCS 615	War in the Modern World: What is it Good For?	
PCS 631	Crisis Management: Response and Resolution	
PCS 647	Facilitation, Mediation, and Negotiation	
PCS 665	Religion: Conflict and Confrontation	
PCS 677	International Human Rights Advocacy	

Joint Civil-Military Interaction Concentration

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Select three courses from the following:		9
PCS 617	International Humanitarian Practices	

PCS 618	Analyzing and Confronting Illicit Power
PCS 619	Civil Society Rehabilitation
PCS 620	Safety and Security in Conflict Environments